

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Selection Committee held at BTMM offices on July 8th 2015 at 5.30pm.

Present: Greer Mackenzie (GMack), Michael McFaul (MMcF), Harold Curran (HC), Anne Fitzpatrick (AF), Nuala Mooney (NM), Philip Dufton (PD)

Apologies: Lorraine Byrne (LB)

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairperson

On a proposal by HC and seconded by NM, GMack was elected Chairperson with unanimous agreement. It was further agreed that MMcF would act as Secretary and GMack as spokesperson for the committee. GMack proposed HC act as Vice-Chair of the committee, agreed by all.

MMcF asked that confidentiality be respected on occasions when sensitive matters were discussed.

2. Sonya Britton Trophy (North/South match)

AF stated that Toni Sproule and Dympna Friel would now be the reserve pair for the Ladies team at the Sonya Britton trophy.

It was confirmed that the previous committee had erred in not selecting Ian Lindsay and Robin Burns as reserve pair for both the Open team and the Senior Team at the same event. However MMcF confirmed that while the committee was under Council guidance on selection matters it was not constrained to act in accordance with such guidance.

Action: MMcF to reply to Rex Anderson's correspondence on the selection for the Open Team at the Sonya Britton trophy.

3. Intermediate Trials

NM stated that there had been verbal complaints about the manual scoring. One pair in particular was discontented.

Action: GMack agreed to check the scores and confirm their veracity.

4. Captaincy

It was agreed that HC would act as NPC to both Intermediate teams at the North/South match and that the other teams would all be self-managed.

5. International matches – Mode of selection

Pairs format agreed. It will be announced that performance of players in red point events from all sources, during the 2015-16 season may be considered as contributing towards the selection process in 2016-17. A similar approach will be taken for Intermediate players aspiring to play in IBU and other representative events except that black points earned in red point events will also count.

6. Dates for trials

The following dates were confirmed:

September 26th-27th. Camrose 1

October 10th-11th. Camrose 2.

November 21st-22nd. Lady Milne 1

December 4th-6th. Lady Milne 2.

Midnight August 9th. Closing date for all entries to GMack.

Action: MMcF to notify players of trial and entry dates ASAP.

Action: AF to confirm whether both Lady Milne weekends are tied in with the SBU and WBU.

7. IBU events – Mode of selection

Egan – unchanged

Moylan & Inter-Provincials – there will be no compulsion to play but red points earned should count as an incentive to enter (See item 5 above).

It was agreed that all players entering for the Camrose and/or Lady Milne would make their availability for the Inter-Provincials known at the time.

8. Selection Committee Manual.

Action: MMcF & GMack to meet and agree a draft for the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday August 12th 2015 at BTMM offices from 5.30pm

Michael McFaul

Hon. Sec.